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| Title:                | Fluid and Bioaerosol Management Vacuum Connector and System (As Amended) | Group Art Unit: 3761 |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.